

>March 31st, 1922

>A German farmer is brutally murdered in his barn. His wife and daughter killed with pickaxe minutes later.

>Their 7-year-old granddaughter finds the bodies while the perpetrator is still there. She is attacked and left to die slowly amidst the bodies of her dead family. Postmortem evidence suggests that she lived long enough to tear her own hair out.

>The murderer then walks from the barn to house, where he kills maid and her two-year-old daughter in their bedrooms.

>The bodies are not found until two days later. Neighbors took a while to realize anything was wrong, because for two days after the murders were committed there was still smoke coming from the house's chimney and the animals were being tended to.

>Evidence suggests that after killing the family, the murderer had slept in the house, eaten in the kitchen, kept warm by the fire and fed the animals for the two days between the initial crime and its discovery, with the dead bodies lying where he left them the entire time.

>A few days prior to the crime, farmer Andreas Gruber told neighbors about discovering footprints in the snow leading from the edge of the forest to the farm, but none leading back. He also spoke about hearing footsteps in the attic and finding an unfamiliar newspaper on the farm. Furthermore, the house keys went missing several days before the murders, but none of this was reported to the police.